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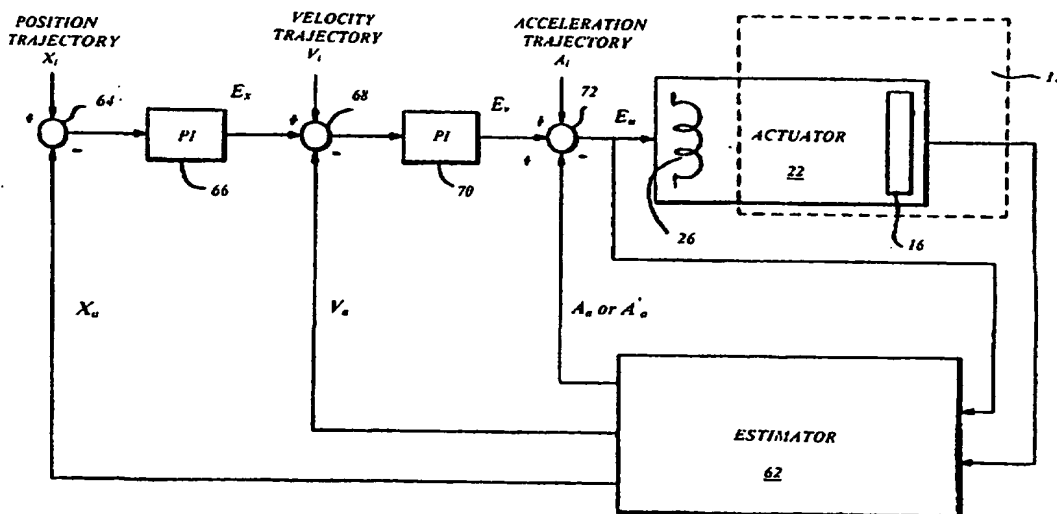
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Hard disk drive actuator arm controller

(57) A method and apparatus for moving a transducer across a disk surface in accordance with generalized Fourier seek trajectories for position, velocity, and acceleration control. The generalized Fourier acceleration trajectory includes one or more sine functions with the coefficients determined using a least-mean-square-error technique, which optimizes the selection of the trajectory. The generalized Fourier seek method and apparatus provides improved performance and robustness of hard disk drive servomechanism, including shorter seek time. Additionally, the hard disk drive is more immune to external disturbances, and the acoustic noise caused by seeking is reduced. The introduction of constant acceleration (or deceleration) stage eliminates the updates of sine states and cosine states. Consequently, computational time taken by a digital signal processor is saved, further enhancing the efficiency of the generalized Fourier seek method.

**FIG. 3**

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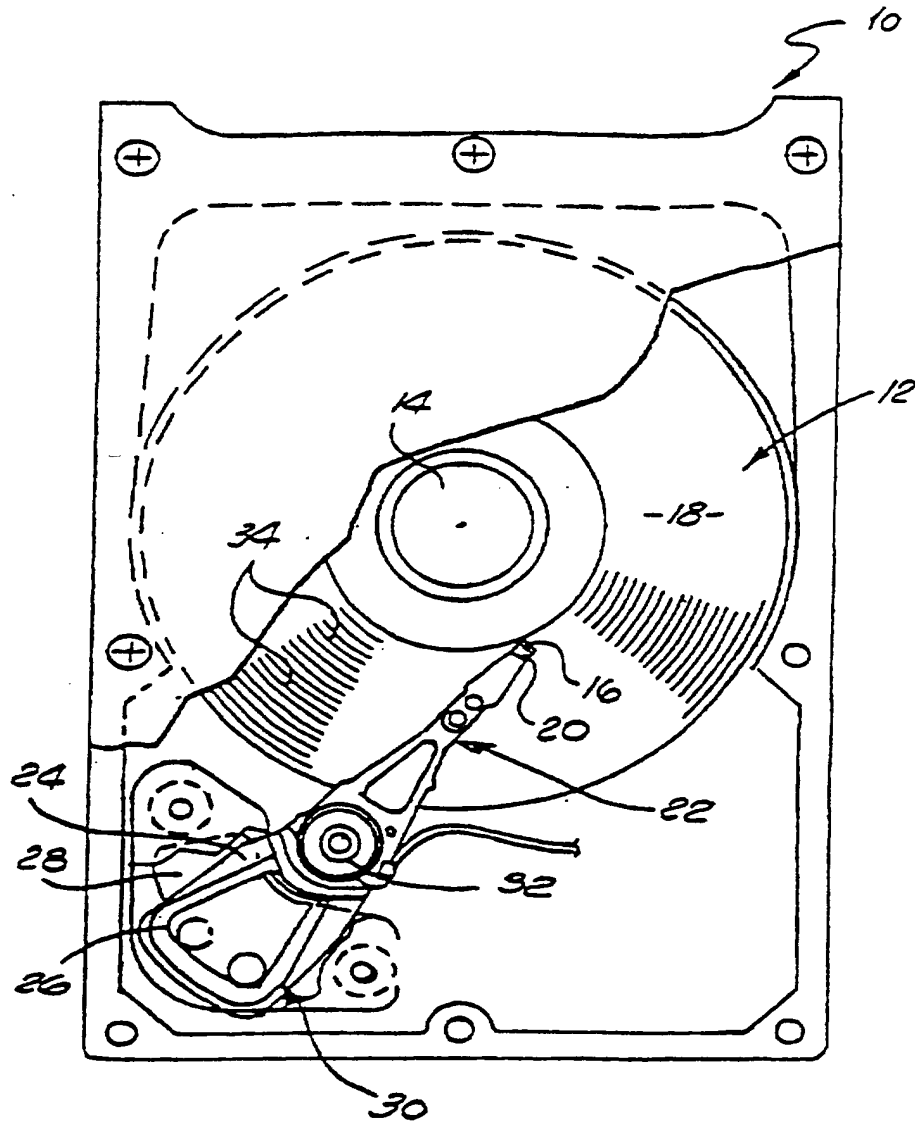


FIG. 1

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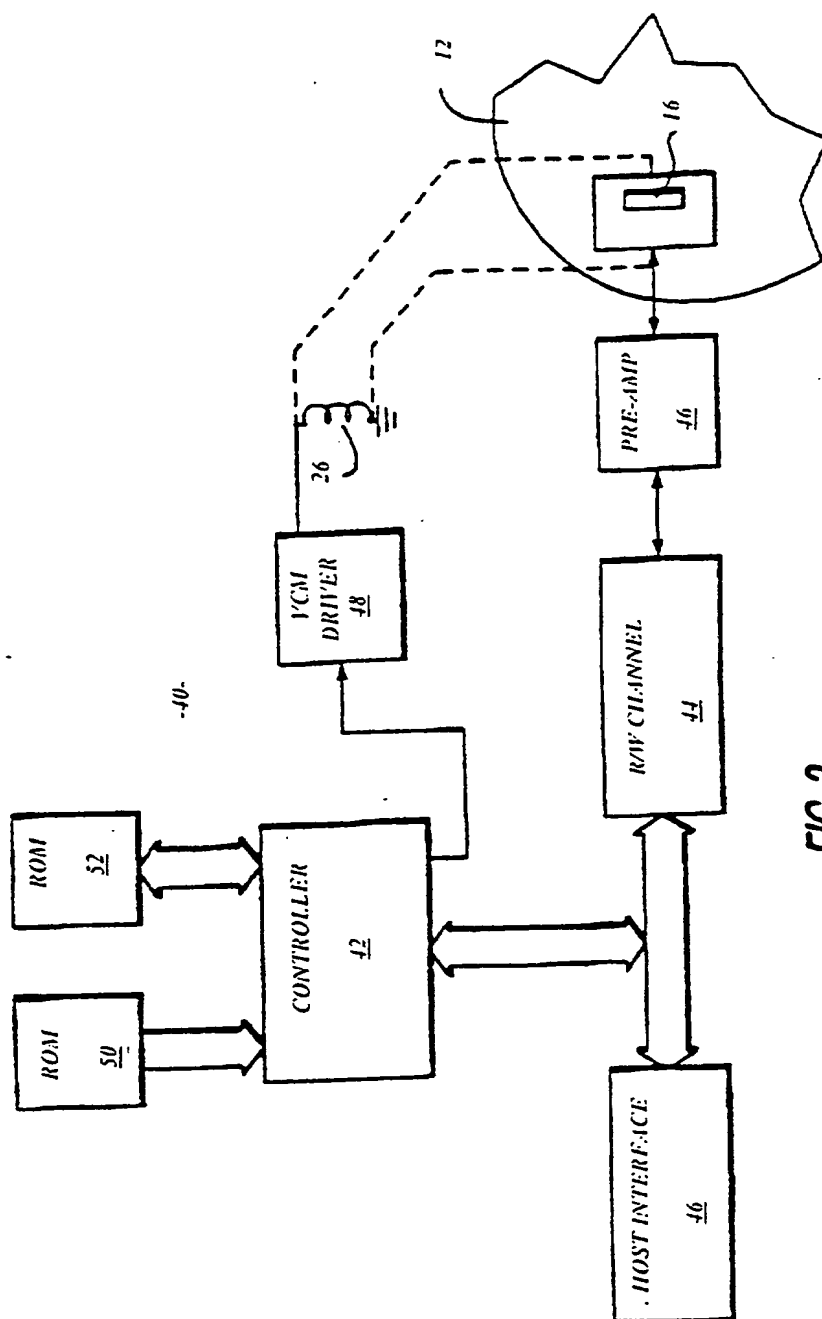


FIG. 2

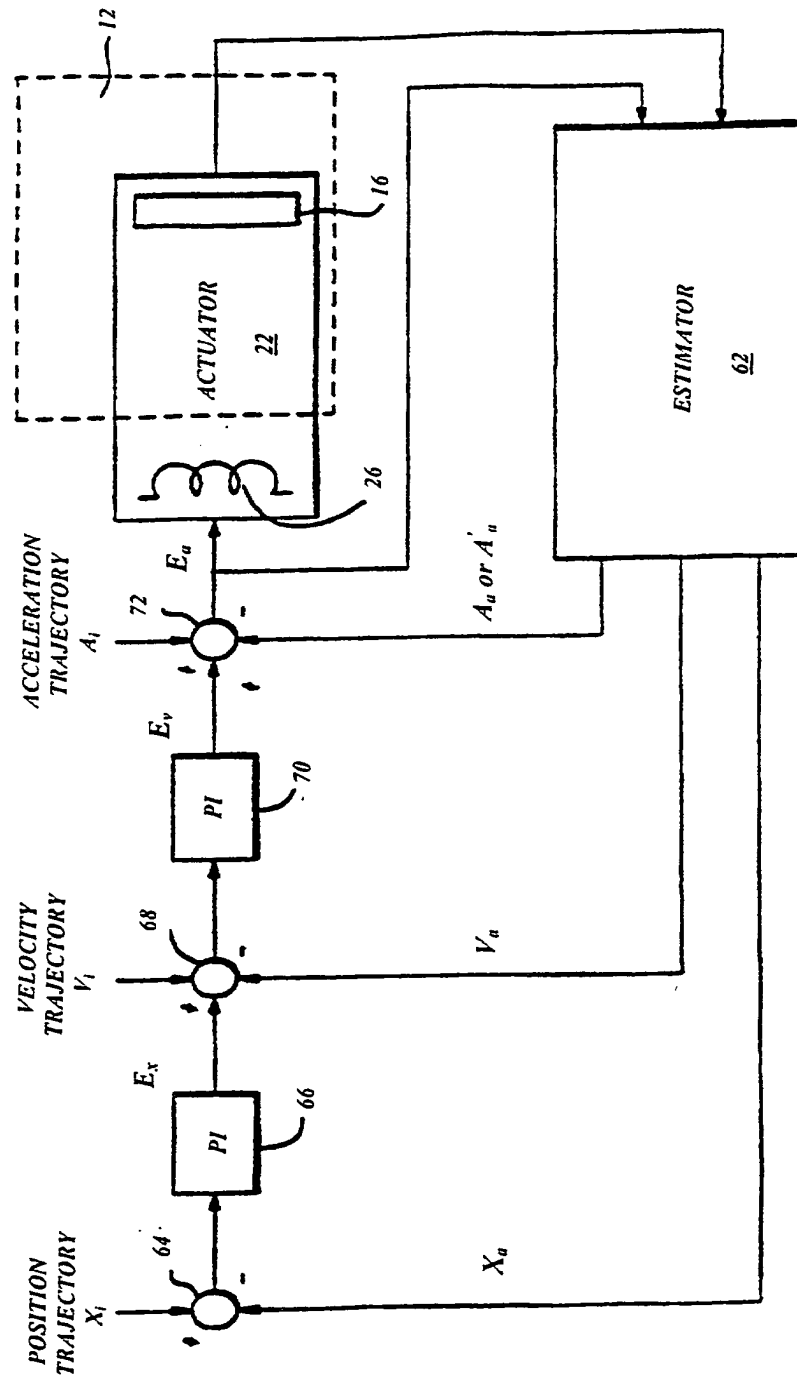


FIG. 3

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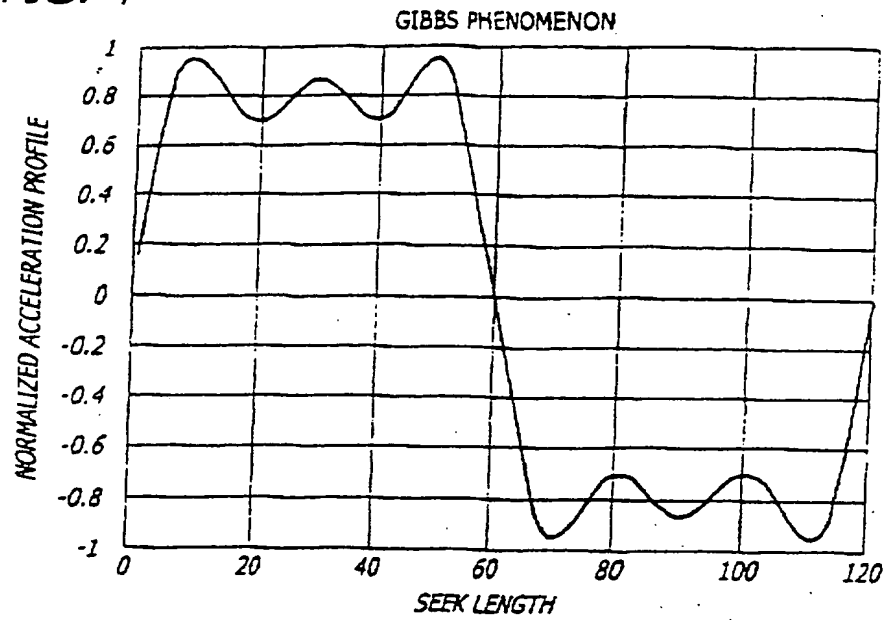
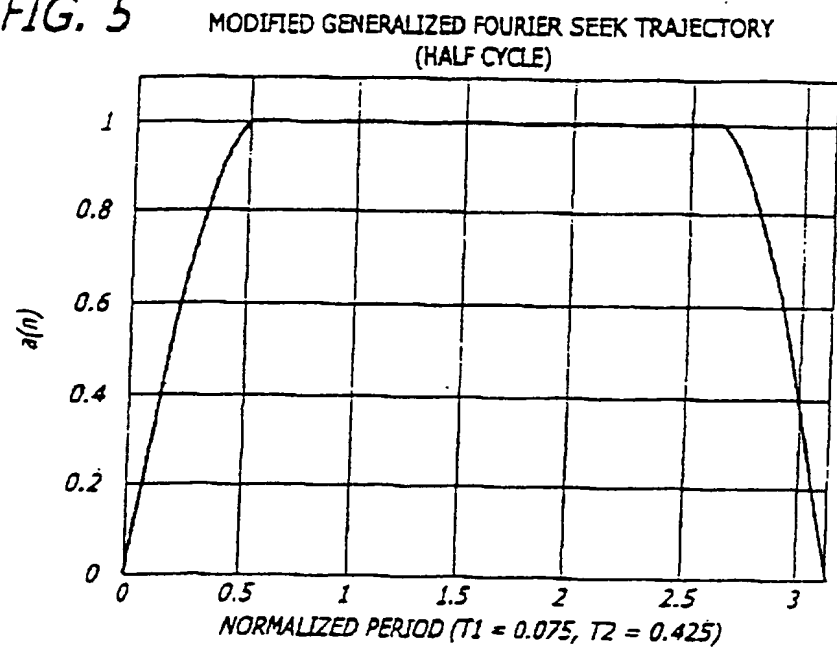


FIG. 5



GENERALIZED FOURIER SEEK PROFILE (TWO-TERM DESIGN)

FIG. 6A

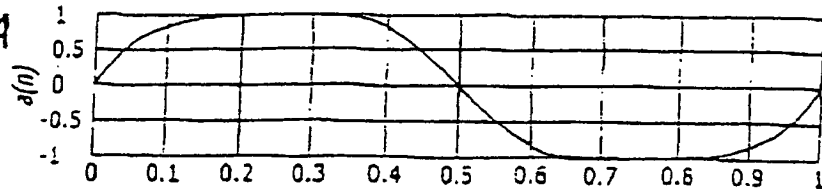


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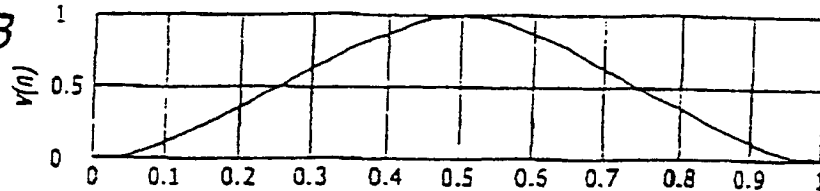
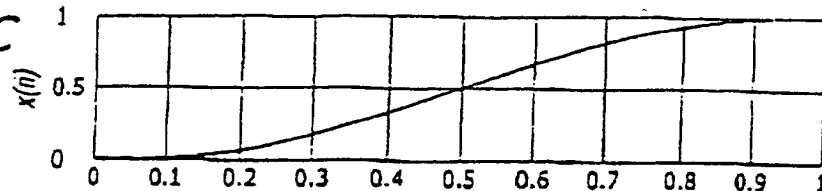


FIG. 6C



NORMALIZED SEEK LENGTH

GENERALIZED FOURIER SEEK PROFILE (THREE-TERM DESIGN)

FIG. 7A

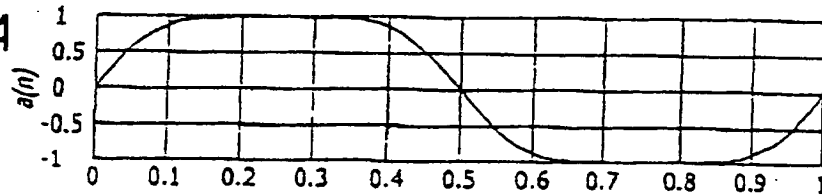


FIG. 7B

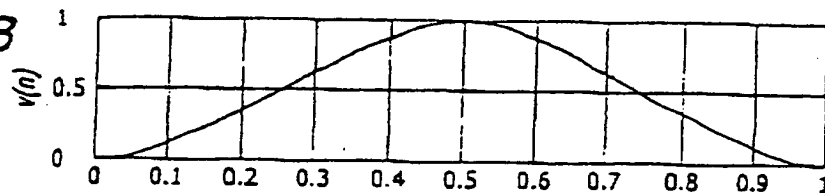
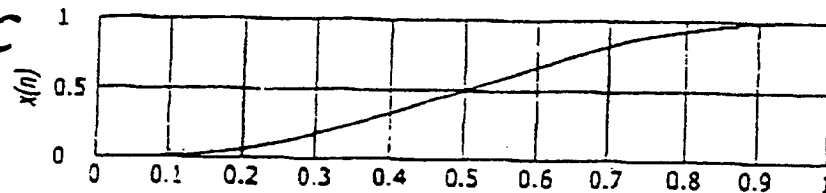


FIG. 7C



NORMALIZED SEEK LENGTH

A Hard Disk Drive, Method for Moving a Transducer Across a Disk and a Computer Program Product for Achieving the Same

The present invention relates generally to disk drives
5 and more particularly to a method, apparatus, and computer readable program code for improving performance and robustness of hard disk drive servomechanisms.

Hard disk drives include a plurality of magnetic
10 transducers that can write and read information by magnetizing and sensing the magnetic field of a rotating disk(s), respectively. The information is typically formatted into a plurality of sectors that are located within an annular track. There are a number of tracks
15 located across each surface of the disk. A number of vertically similar tracks are sometimes referred to as a cylinder. Each track may therefore be identified by a cylinder number.

20 Each transducer is typically integrated into a slider that is incorporated into a head gimbal assembly (HGA). Each HGA is attached to an actuator arm. The actuator arm has a voice coil located adjacent to a magnet assembly which together define a voice coil motor. The hard disk
25 drive typically includes a driver circuit and a controller that provide current to excite the voice coil motor. The excited voice coil motor rotates the actuator arm and moves the transducers across the surfaces of the disk(s).

30 When writing or reading information, the hard disk drive may perform a seek routine to move the transducers from one cylinder (track) to another cylinder. During the seek routine the voice coil motor is excited with a

current to move the transducers to the new cylinder location on the disk surfaces. The controller also performs a servo routine to insure that the transducer moves to the correct cylinder location, and is at the center of the track.

Many disk drives utilize a "bang-bang" control algorithm to move the transducer to the correct location in the shortest amount of time. The shape of the current waveform for seek routines that utilize bang-bang control theory is typically square. Unfortunately, square waveforms contain high frequency harmonics which stimulate mechanical resonance in the HGA and excite mechanical components or assemblies with high natural frequencies. This results in acoustic noise, and undesirable vibration and associated settling time due to residual vibration. The mechanical resonance created by the square waveforms of the prior art tend to increase both the settling and overall time required to write data to or read information from the disk.

It is desirable to minimize the amount of time required to write data to and read information from the disk(s). Therefore, the seek routine performed by the drive should move the transducers to the new cylinder location in the shortest amount of time. Additionally, the settling time of the HGA should be minimized so that the transducer can quickly write or read information, once located adjacent to the new cylinder.

Another seek technique is described in a co-pending US national application entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING ACOUSTIC NOISE IN A HARD DISK DRIVE", Application

Serial No. 09/167,884, filed October 7, 1998, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The co-pending application describes a sinusoidal seek method that reduces acoustic noise in seeking. *See corresponding*
5 application GB9923676.2.

According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a hard disk drive, comprising: a disk which has a surface; a spindle motor that rotates said disk; a transducer which can write information onto said
10 disk and read information from said disk; an actuator arm that can move said transducer across said surface of said disk; and, a controller that controls said actuator arm to move said transducer across said disk surface in accordance with a generalized Fourier seek trajectory,
15 where the generalized Fourier series includes one or more sine functions having one or more coefficients that are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

Preferably, said generalized Fourier series includes
20 two functions having first and second coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

Said generalized Fourier series may include three
25 functions having first, second, and third coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

The generalized Fourier seek trajectory may include a
30 ramp-up acceleration period, a constant acceleration period, and a ramp-down acceleration period, wherein the one or more coefficients are determined using the least-

mean-square error technique for the ramp-up and ramp-down acceleration periods.

Said controller may be a digital signal processor.

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Said digital signal processor may control said actuator arm in accordance with a linear interpolation algorithm.

10 Said controller may perform a servo routine including determining an actual position of said transducer, computing a design position of said transducer, and generating a position correction value that is a function of said actual and design positions, said position
15 correction value being used to vary the movement of said transducer.

Said servo routine may include determining an actual velocity of said transducer, computing a design velocity
20 of said transducer, and generating a velocity correction value that is a function of said position correction value, said design velocity, and said actual velocity, said velocity correction value being used to vary the movement of said transducer.

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Said servo routine may include determining an actual acceleration of said transducer, computing a design acceleration of said transducer, and generating an acceleration correction value that is a function of said
30 velocity correction value, said design acceleration, and said actual acceleration, said acceleration correction value being used to vary the movement of said transducer.

Said acceleration correction value may also be a function of a feedforward acceleration value provided in a feedforward control loop.

5 Preferably, said design position, said design velocity, and said design acceleration are computed from a recursive generalized Fourier series generation algorithm.

10 The trajectory may include a period wherein said transducer has an essentially zero acceleration.

Preferably, a ramp-up acceleration period is unequal in time to the ramp-down acceleration period.

15 Said position correction value may be a function of a proportional plus integral control algorithm.

Said velocity correction value may be a function of a proportional plus integral control algorithm.

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According to a second aspect of the invention, there is provided a method for moving a transducer across a surface of a disk, comprising: moving a transducer across the disk surface in accordance with a generalized Fourier series seek trajectory, where one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

25 Said transducer may comprise moving said transducer across the disk surface in accordance with the generalized Fourier seek trajectory including an acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a deceleration mode, where one or more

coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

5 Preferably, moving said transducer comprises moving said transducer across the disk surface in accordance with a two-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having two coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

10 Alternatively, moving said transducer may comprise moving said transducer across the disk surface in accordance with a three-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having three coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

15 The method may further comprise computing a design position of the transducer, determining an actual position of the transducer, computing a position correction value from the design and actual positions, and varying the
20 movement of the transducer with the position correction value.

The method may further comprise computing a design velocity of the transducer, determining an actual velocity
25 of the transducer, computing a velocity correction value from the design velocity, the actual velocity, and the position correction value, and varying the movement of the transducer with the velocity correction value.

30 The method may further comprise computing a design acceleration of the transducer, determining an actual acceleration of the transducer, computing an acceleration correction value from the design acceleration, the actual

acceleration, and the velocity correction value, and varying the movement of the transducer with the acceleration correction value.

5 Preferably, the design acceleration, the design velocity, and the design position are computed with a linear interpolation algorithm for any seek length.

10 The acceleration mode may include a ramp-up acceleration portion, a constant acceleration portion, and a ramp-down acceleration portion, wherein the least-mean-square error technique is preferably utilized to determine the one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series for the ramp-up and ramp-down acceleration
15 portions.

Preferably, the duration of the acceleration mode is unequal to the duration of the deceleration mode.

20 According to a third aspect of the invention, there is provided a computer program product, comprising: a computer usable medium having computer program code embodied therein to excite an actuator arm that is coupled to a transducer so that the transducer moves across a disk
25 surface in accordance with a generalized Fourier seek trajectory, where one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

30 Preferably, computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm comprises computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm that is coupled to the transducer so that the transducer moves across the disk

surface in accordance with said generalized Fourier seek trajectory including an acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a deceleration mode, where one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using the
5 least-mean-square error technique during the acceleration and deceleration modes.

The computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm may comprise computer readable program code
10 to excite said actuator arm that is coupled to the transducer so that the transducer moves across the disk surface in accordance with a two-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having two coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

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Preferably, the computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm comprises computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm that is coupled to the transducer so that the transducer moves across the
20 disk surface in accordance with a three-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having three coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

The product may comprise computer readable program
25 code to compute a design position of the transducer, determine an actual position of the transducer, compute a position correction value from the design and actual positions, and vary the movement of the transducer with the position correction value.

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The product may comprise computer readable program code to compute a design velocity of the transducer, determine an actual velocity of the transducer, compute a

velocity correction value from the design velocity, the actual velocity, and the position correction value, and vary the movement of the transducer with the velocity correction value.

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The computer program product may further comprise computer readable program code to compute a design acceleration of the transducer, determine an actual acceleration of the transducer, compute an acceleration
10 correction value from the design acceleration, the actual acceleration, and the velocity correction value, and vary the movement of the transducer with the acceleration correction value.

15 According to a fourth aspect of the invention, there is provided a method for moving a transducer across a surface of a disk, comprising: moving the transducer across the disk surface; computing a design position of the transducer; determining an actual position of the
20 transducer; generating a position correction value that is a function of the design position and the actual position; computing a design velocity of the transducer; determining an actual velocity of the transducer; generating a velocity correction value that is a function of the design
25 velocity, the actual velocity and the position correction value; computing a design acceleration of the transducer using a generalized Fourier seek trajectory having one or more coefficients that are determined using a least-mean-square error technique; determining an actual acceleration
30 of the transducer; generating a feedforward acceleration value that is a function of the actual acceleration value; generating an acceleration correction value that is a function of the velocity correction value, the feedforward

acceleration value and the design acceleration; and, varying the movement of the transducer in response to the generation of the acceleration correction value.

5 Preferably, computing the design acceleration of the transducer comprises computing the design acceleration of the transducer using the generalized Fourier series seek acceleration trajectory including an acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a deceleration mode, where one or more
10 coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using the least-mean-square error technique during the acceleration and deceleration modes.

 Preferably, computing the design acceleration
15 comprises computing the design acceleration of the transducer using a two-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory that includes two coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

20 Preferably, computing the design acceleration comprises computing the design acceleration of the transducer using a three-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory that includes three coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

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 Preferably, the position correction value and the velocity correction value are computed with a proportional plus integral control algorithm.

30 Preferably, the design acceleration, the design velocity and the design position are computed with a recursive generalized Fourier series generation algorithm.

Preferably, the design acceleration, the design velocity and the design position are computed with a linear interpolation algorithm.

5 Preferably, the design acceleration includes a ramp-up portion, a coast portion, and a ramp-down portion, and wherein computing the design acceleration comprises computing the design acceleration of the transducer during the ramp-up and ramp-down portions using the generalized
10 Fourier seek trajectory having one or more coefficients that are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

Figure 1 is a top view of an embodiment of a hard disk
15 drive of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a schematic of an electrical system which controls the hard disk drive;

20 Figure 3 is a schematic of a servo control system of the disk drive;

Figure 4 is a graph showing the effect of the Gibbs phenomenon for a three-term finite sum of a Fourier sine
25 series for a square wave;

Figure 5 shows a graph of a generalized Fourier seek acceleration trajectory using the LMSE technique for both ramp-up and ramp down portions, and a constant
30 acceleration for the portion therebetween;

Figures 6A through 6C show graphs of the acceleration, velocity, and position trajectories of the two-term

generalized Fourier seek method using the LMSE technique for the exemplary values in Table 1; and

5 Figures 7A through 7C show graphs of the acceleration, velocity, and position trajectories of the three-term generalized Fourier seek method using the LMSE technique for the exemplary values in Table 1.

10 Embodiments of the present invention comprises a hard disk drive which moves a transducer across a disk surface using a generalized Fourier seek trajectory where the one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series seek are determined using a least-mean-square error (LMSE) technique.

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 The transducer may be integrated into a slider that is incorporated into a head gimbal assembly (HGA). The HGA may be mounted to an actuator arm which can move the transducer across the disk surface. The movement of the
20 actuator arm and the transducer may be controlled by a controller. The controller may move the transducer from a present track to a new track in accordance with a seek routine and a servo control routine.

25 During the seek routine the controller moves the transducer in accordance with a generalized Fourier seek trajectory. In one embodiment, the acceleration trajectory is divided into an acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a deceleration mode. In the acceleration and
30 deceleration modes, the generalized Fourier seek acceleration trajectory is used where the one or more coefficients are determined using the LMSE technique. In the coast mode, the LMSE technique is not used.

The trajectory reduces the high harmonics found in square waveforms of the prior art, and minimizes the mechanical resonance and thus the acoustic noise of the HGA. Reducing the acoustic noise of the HGA may reduce the settling time of the transducer for reducing the duration of the seek routine. Reducing the acoustic noise may also provide accurate positioning of the transducer relative to a desired track of the disk. In one embodiment, the duration of acceleration mode and the duration of deceleration mode are equal. In another embodiment, the duration of acceleration mode and the duration of deceleration mode are unequal which may provide flexibility in further decreasing residual vibrations of mechanical components, and reducing the seek time.

Referring to the drawings more particularly by reference numbers, Figure 1 shows an embodiment of a hard disk drive 10. The drive 10 includes at least one magnetic disk 12 that is rotated by a spindle motor 14. The drive 10 may also include a transducer 16 located adjacent to a disk surface 18.

The transducer 16 can write and read information on the rotating disk 12 by magnetizing and sensing the magnetic field of the disk 12, respectively. There is typically a transducer 16 associated with each disk surface 18. Although a single transducer 16 is shown and described, it is to be understood that there may be a write transducer for magnetizing the disk 12 and a separate read transducer for sensing the magnetic field of

the disk 12. The read transducer may be constructed from a magneto-resistive (MR) material.

The transducer 16 can be integrated into a slider 20. The slider 20 may be constructed to create an air bearing between the transducer 16 and the disk surface 18. The slider 20 may be incorporated into a head gimbal assembly (HGA) 22. The HGA 22 may be attached to an actuator arm 24 which has a voice coil 26. The voice coil 26 may be located adjacent to a magnet assembly 28 to define a voice coil motor (VCM) 30. Providing a current to the voice coil 26 will generate a torque that rotates the actuator arm 24 about a bearing assembly 32. Rotation of the actuator arm 24 will move the transducer 16 across the disk surface 18.

Information is typically stored within annular tracks 34 of the disk 12. Each track 34 typically contains a plurality of sectors. Each sector may include a data field and an identification field. The identification field may contain Gray code information which identifies the sector and track (cylinder). The transducer 16 is moved across the disk surface 18 to write or read information on a different track. Moving the transducer to access a different track is commonly referred to as a seek routine.

Figure 2 shows an electrical system 40 which can control the hard disk drive 10. The system 40 may include a controller 42 that is coupled to the transducer 16 by a read/write (R/W) channel circuit 44 and a pre-amplifier circuit 46. The controller 42 may be a digital signal processor (DSP), microprocessor, microcontroller, and the

like. The controller 42 can provide control signals to the read/write channel 44 to read from the disk 12 or write information to the disk 12. The information is typically transferred from the R/W channel 44 to a host interface circuit 46. The host circuit 46 may include buffer memory and control circuitry which allow the disk drive to interface with a system such as a personal computer.

10 The controller 42 may also be coupled to a VCM driver circuit 48 which provides a driving current to the voice coil 26. The controller 42 may provide control signals to the driver circuit 48 to control the excitation of the VCM and the movement of the transducer 16.

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The controller 42 may be connected to a non-volatile memory such as a read only memory (ROM) or flash memory device 50, and a random access memory (RAM) device 52. The memory devices 50 and 52 may contain instructions and data that are used by the controller 42 to perform software routines. One of the software routines may be a seek routine to move the transducer 16 from one track to another track. The seek routine may include a servo control routine to insure that the transducer 16 moves to the correct track. In one embodiment, the memory device 50 contains acceleration, velocity, and position trajectory equations as discussed hereinbelow, where such equations may be loaded into memory device 52 at startup.

30 Figure 3 shows a servo control system 60 that is implemented by the controller 42, which may be implemented in hardware and/or software. The servo control system 60 insures that the transducer 16 is accurately located on a

desired track of the disk 12. When the controller 42 performs a seek routine the transducer 16 is moved from a first track to a new track located a distance X_{SK} from the first track. The Gray codes of one or more tracks located
5 between the new and first tracks are read as the transducer 16 moves across the disk 16. This allows the controller 42 to periodically determine whether the transducer 16 is moving at a desired speed or acceleration, or both, across the disk surface.

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The control system 60 includes an estimator 62, which may be implemented in software and/or hardware. The estimator 62 can determine the actual distance or position X_a that the transducer has moved from the first track.
15 The position can be determined by reading the Gray code of a track beneath the transducer 16. The estimator 62 can also determine the actual velocity V_a and actual acceleration A_a of the transducer 16. The Gray codes can be periodically sampled as the transducer 16 moves to the
20 new track location so that the controller 42 can correct the movement of the transducer 16 with the servo control 60.

The controller 42 computes a design position X_i , a
25 design velocity V_i and a design acceleration A_i of the transducer 16 each time the transducer reads the Gray code of a track 34. The controller 42 computes the difference between the design position X_i and the actual position X_a at summing junction 64. In block 66 the controller 42
30 then computes a position correction value E_x with a proportional plus integral control algorithm and the output of the summing junction 64.

The actual velocity V_a is subtracted from the sum of the design velocity V_i and the position correction value E_x at summing junction 68. In block 70 the controller 42
5 computes a velocity correction value E_v with a proportional plus integral control algorithm and the output of the summing junction 68.

An acceleration correction value E_a is computed by
10 subtracting the actual acceleration A_a from the sum of the design acceleration A_i and the velocity correction value E_v at summing junction 72. The acceleration correction value E_a is used to increase or decrease the current provided to the voice coil 26 and to vary the acceleration
15 of the movement of the transducer 16.

The acceleration correction value E_a may also be provided to the estimator 62 to generate a feedforward acceleration value A'_a . The feedforward acceleration value
20 A'_a can be provided to summing junction 72 to provide a feedforward control loop.

The design acceleration, velocity, and position waveforms provided at the respective summing junction 72,
25 68, and 64 are described and shown hereinbelow.

For a standard Fourier series, the number of functions in a finite sum has to be fairly large to minimize the oscillatory pattern in the resulting function. Even with
30 the inclusion of a very large number of finite terms, the resulting curve still shows oscillation near discontinuity

points. When only a few terms are used, the varying amplitude of oscillation is very large, and is not restricted to the discontinuity points. This well-known phenomenon of the Fourier series is called Gibbs
5 phenomenon.

Figure 4 is a graph showing the effect of the Gibbs phenomenon for a three-term finite sum of a Fourier sine series for a square wave. As can be seen, the ripple at
10 both the top and bottom portions of the graph have significant amplitudes, yielding a poor acceleration profile. Even with the addition of more terms, the amplitude of the ripple is still significant.

15 The seek algorithm of the present invention uses a generalized Fourier series having a finite number of sinusoidal functions, but uses one or more LMSE optimized coefficients that replace the constant coefficients associated with conventional Fourier series. In one
20 technique, the one or more tuned coefficients are determined empirically, as described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application entitled "GENERALIZED FOURIER SEEK METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A HARD DISK DRIVE SERVOMECHANISM", Serial No. 09/552,112, filed April 19,
25 2000, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. Although the empirical tuned coefficients for a generalized Fourier seek method presented in the co-pending application are adequate for most practical applications, it is desirable to have a systematic
30 technique for determining the coefficients for any specific needs.

Embodiments of the present invention systematically determine tuned coefficients using a least-mean-square-error technique for robust seek profiles in hard disk drive applications.

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When the unknown coefficients are selected using the LMSE technique, the Gibbs phenomenon disappears even when only a few sinusoidal terms are included. A design seek trajectory for acceleration consists of a smooth ramp-up
10 range, a constant range, and a smooth ramp down range.

In general form, a generalized Fourier series has the following form:

$$15 \quad f(t) = a_1 \sin \omega_0 t + a_3 \sin 3\omega_0 t + a_5 \sin 5\omega_0 t + a_7 \sin 7\omega_0 t + \dots \quad (1)$$

There is a physical limit on the speed of current rise time in a voice coil motor due to the mechanical design and the controller. In addition to the hardware limit,
20 the speed of the current rise time may be further limited to provide better settling for seek control. As herein described, the time the current reaches its design maximum I_M is T_1 , and the time the voice coil motor and the controller reduce the current output from its peak to zero
25 is T_2 . In the selection of the coefficients for a generalized Fourier seek trajectory, it is desirable to minimize the total mean-square error in the range of interest. Using a mathematical formulation, the error to be minimized, Δ (the mean-square error), is of the form:

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$$\Delta = \frac{1}{T_2 - T_1} \int_{T_1}^{T_2} [1 - f(t)]^2 dt \quad (2)$$

where T_1 and T_2 are the lower and upper limits in the trajectory range of interest, and $f(t)$ is the generalized Fourier seek profile of equation (1).

5

The unknown coefficients are determined optimally in the sense of LMSE as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial a_1} &= 0, \\ 10 \quad \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial a_3} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial a_5} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial a_7} &= 0, \\ \dots & \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

15 With the formulation, the unknown constant coefficients $\{a_1, a_3, a_5, a_7, \dots\}$ are determined from the following linear algebraic system:

$$[C]\{a\} = \{b\}. \quad (4)$$

20

When, for example, a four-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory is used, the coefficient matrix $[C]$ is a 4x4 constant matrix given by

$$25 \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{13} & c_{15} & c_{17} \\ c_{31} & c_{33} & c_{35} & c_{37} \\ c_{51} & c_{53} & c_{55} & c_{57} \\ c_{71} & c_{73} & c_{75} & c_{77} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

The coefficient matrix is symmetric, that is, the transpose of the matrix is the same as itself. The known column matrix $\{b\}$ is a 4x1 vector given by:

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$$\{b\} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_3 \\ b_5 \\ b_7 \end{Bmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

The unknown matrix $\{a\}$ is a 4x1 vector given by:

$$\{a\} = \begin{Bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_3 \\ a_5 \\ a_7 \end{Bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

10

The unknown coefficient vector $\{a\}$ is readily determined uniquely for the system equation (4) provided that $[C]$ is not singular, which is typically not a problem. Thus, to obtain equation (4), equation (1) is
15 plugged into equation (2) and solved for Δ . A partial derivative of the equation is then taken for each unknown coefficient, and the result is set to zero, as shown by equation (3).

20 The goodness and fitness in the range of interest can be compared quantitatively using a parameter ε as defined by:

$$25 \quad \varepsilon = \text{MAX}_{T_1 \leq t \leq T_2} |1 - f^*(t)| \quad (8)$$

where $f^*(t)$ is the generalized Fourier seek trajectory with the coefficients determined based on the LMSE technique. It is, however, hardly necessary to apply the criterion because one can judge a design and smooth trajectory easily. The period T of the sinusoidal wave for a seek length is related to its radian natural frequency by the relationship:

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} . \quad (9)$$

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To simplify the mathematical expression, a dimensionless time scale t is defined as

$$t = T\omega_0 . \quad (10)$$

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Consequently, the elements in the constant coefficient matrix $[C]$ are as follows:

$$c_{11} = (t_2 - t_1) - \cos(t_2 - t_1) \sin(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$20 \quad c_{13} = \cos(t_2 + t_1) \sin(t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2(t_2 + t_1) \sin 2(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$c_{15} = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2(t_2 + t_1) \sin 2(t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3(t_2 + t_1) \sin 3(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$c_{17} = \frac{1}{3} \cos 3(t_2 + t_1) \sin 3(t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{4} \cos 4(t_2 + t_1) \sin 4(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$c_{31} = c_{13} ,$$

$$c_{33} = (t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3(t_2 + t_1) \sin 3(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$25 \quad c_{35} = \cos(t_2 + t_1) \sin(t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{4} \cos 4(t_2 + t_1) \sin 4(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$c_{37} = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2(t_2 + t_1) \sin 2(t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{5} \cos 5(t_2 + t_1) \sin 5(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$c_{51} = c_{15} ,$$

$$c_{53} = c_{35} ,$$

$$c_{55} = (t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{5} \cos 5(t_2 + t_1) \sin 5(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$c_{57} = \cos(t_2 + t_1) \sin(t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{6} \cos 6(t_2 + t_1) \sin 6(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$5 \quad c_{71} = c_{17} ,$$

$$c_{73} = c_{37} ,$$

$$c_{75} = c_{57} , \text{ and}$$

$$c_{77} = (t_2 - t_1) - \frac{1}{7} \cos 7(t_2 + t_1) \sin 7(t_2 - t_1) . \quad (11)$$

10 The constant terms in equation (6), which is the right hand side of equation (4), are as follows:

$$b_1 = 4 \sin \frac{1}{2}(t_2 + t_1) \sin \frac{1}{2}(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$b_3 = \frac{4}{3} \sin \frac{3}{2}(t_2 + t_1) \sin \frac{3}{2}(t_2 - t_1) ,$$

$$15 \quad b_5 = \frac{4}{5} \sin \frac{5}{2}(t_2 + t_1) \sin \frac{5}{2}(t_2 - t_1) , \text{ and}$$

$$b_7 = \frac{4}{7} \sin \frac{7}{2}(t_1 + t_2) \sin \frac{7}{2}(t_2 - t_1) . \quad (12)$$

20 The LMSE technique provides a systematic approach to determine coefficients of the generalized Fourier seek trajectories. However, the LMSE technique may not provide a sufficient condition to assure a smooth trajectory with adequately small amplitudes of ripple in the constant acceleration range for any pair of specified values T_1 and T_2 . In one or more embodiments of the present invention, 25 the generalized Fourier seek trajectory may be most

powerful when a few terms, generally three or less, are included in the model. Consequently, for rare cases when the current rise time has to be very fast, there may be a more efficient mechanism for applying the generalized
5 Fourier seek method. This mechanism involves using the LMSE technique during the ramp-up and ramp-down portions of the acceleration trajectory, and using a constant acceleration between the ramp-up and ramp-down portions of the acceleration trajectory.

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In general, updating of sine and cosine states is necessary for a new sample in digital sampling when using the generalized Fourier seek method technique or its reduced form of the sinusoidal seek method. For a given
15 seek length, the initial values of the sine and cosine states are given. The process of updating sine and cosine states continues at each sampling time until the seek ends. It takes computational time of a controller such as a digital signal processor (DSP) to update the sine and
20 the cosine states of seek trajectories. In one or more embodiments of the present invention, updating of sine and cosine states is eliminated during portions of the seek trajectories where the acceleration and/or deceleration are a constant. During such portions of the seek
25 trajectories, a constant design trajectory value is utilized. Consequently, in the one or more embodiment, computational time required by a DSP is saved.

This mechanism provides for a simple digital signal
30 processor implementation. For sake of illustration and not intended as a limitation, the derivations for the following seek trajectories are made for a three-term generalized Fourier seek profile. For this illustration,

t_1 is the ramp-up time, t_2 is the point at which ramp-down begins, and t_b is the point at which acceleration switches to deceleration. All times are dimensionless. The trajectories are given as follow:

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Acceleration Trajectory

$$a(t) = K_T I_M \left[a_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t\right) + a_3 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t\right) + a_5 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t\right) \right],$$

$$10 \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_1,$$

$$a(t) = K_T I_M,$$

$$t_1 \leq t \leq t_2,$$

$$a(t) = K_T I_M \left[a_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{T_{SK}^A} (t - t_2)\right) + a_3 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{T_{SK}^A} (t - t_2)\right) + a_5 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{T_{SK}^A} (t - t_2)\right) \right],$$

$$t_2 \leq t \leq t_b, \quad (13)$$

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where,

K_T = acceleration constant;

I_M = maximum current provided to the voice coil; and

20 T_{SK}^A = seek time required to move the transducer from one track to another track.

Velocity Trajectory

25 In the velocity trajectory equation, $v(t_1)$ and $v(t_2)$ are denoted by V_1 and V_2 , respectively.

$$v(t) = K_T I_M \frac{T_{SK}^A}{\pi} \left\{ a_1 \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t \right) \right] + \frac{a_3}{3} \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{3\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t \right) \right] + \frac{a_5}{5} \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{5\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t \right) \right] \right\},$$

$$0 \leq t \leq t_1,$$

$$v(t) = V_1 + K_T I_M t,$$

$$t_1 \leq t \leq t_2,$$

$$5 \quad v(t) = V_2 + K_T I_M \frac{T_{SK}^A}{\pi} \left\{ a_1 \left[\cos \left(\frac{\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A} \right) - \cos \left(\frac{\pi t}{T_{SK}^A} \right) \right] + \frac{a_3}{3} \left[\cos \left(\frac{3\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A} \right) - \cos \left(\frac{3\pi t}{T_{SK}^A} \right) \right] + \frac{a_5}{5} \left[\cos \left(\frac{5\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A} \right) - \cos \left(\frac{5\pi t}{T_{SK}^A} \right) \right] \right\},$$

$$t_2 \leq t \leq t_b. \quad (14)$$

Position Trajectory

10 In the position trajectory equation, $x(t_1)$ and $x(t_2)$ are denoted by X_1 and X_2 , respectively.

$$x(t) = K_T I_M \frac{T_{SK}^A}{\pi} \left\{ a_1 \left[t - \frac{T_{SK}^A}{\pi} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t \right) \right] + \frac{a_3}{3} \left[t - \frac{T_{SK}^A}{3\pi} \sin \left(\frac{3\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t \right) \right] + \frac{a_5}{5} \left[t - \frac{T_{SK}^A}{5\pi} \sin \left(\frac{5\pi}{T_{SK}^A} t \right) \right] \right\},$$

$$0 \leq t \leq t_1,$$

$$15 \quad x(t) = X_1 + V_1(t - t_1) + \frac{K_T I_M}{2} (t^2 - t_1^2),$$

$$t_1 \leq t \leq t_2,$$

$$x(t) = X_2 + V_2 t + K_T I_M \frac{T_{SK}^A}{\pi} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & a_1 \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A}\right) t - \frac{T_{SK}^A}{\pi} \left\langle \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{T_{SK}^A}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A}\right) \right\rangle \right] + \\ & \frac{a_3}{3} \left[\cos\left(\frac{3\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A}\right) t - \frac{T_{SK}^A}{3\pi} \left\langle \sin\left(\frac{3\pi t}{T_{SK}^A}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{3\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A}\right) \right\rangle \right] + \\ & \frac{a_5}{5} \left[\cos\left(\frac{5\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A}\right) t - \frac{T_{SK}^A}{5\pi} \left\langle \sin\left(\frac{5\pi t}{T_{SK}^A}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{5\pi t_2}{T_{SK}^A}\right) \right\rangle \right] \end{aligned} \right\} ,$$

$$t_2 \leq t \leq t_b . \quad (15)$$

For simplicity, the time and distance for the actuator
 5 to travel for both the acceleration and deceleration modes
 are equal. For a more general case, however, the times
 and distances for the actuator to travel for the
 acceleration and deceleration modes may be different.
 With the equations presented above, it can be proven that
 10 the seek time T_{SK} is proportional to the square root of
 the seek length X_{SK} , as derived in the co-pending
 application referred to hereinabove.

$$T_{SK} = \Psi \sqrt{\frac{X_{SK}}{K_T I_M}} , \quad (16)$$

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where the constant parameter Ψ is determined numerically.
 Since the implementation of a square root using a digital
 signal processor is tedious, it is practical to save a few
 pairs of seek time versus seek length data in memory. A
 20 seek time for any arbitrary seek length not stored in
 memory may be extracted by linear interpolation. For
 shorter seek lengths, a greater number of data points are
 stored in memory.

Figure 5 shows a graph of a generalized Fourier seek acceleration trajectory using the LMSE technique for both ramp-up and ramp-down portions, and a constant acceleration for the portion therebetween. The constant acceleration portion is not based on the LMSE technique.

Design Examples

The embodiments of the method and apparatus of the present invention presented herein generally work well for a lower order model. That is, if the generalized Fourier seek profile consists of two or three terms, the results are typically satisfactory. Generally, a lower order model implies that the current rise time in a VCM is not especially fast. The lower order model, however, works well for most, if not all, practical applications.

Two examples are provided to demonstrate the teachings of the present invention. The design parameters and associated coefficients for generalized Fourier seek trajectories based on the LMSE technique are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1

	T_1	T_2	a_1	a_3	a_5
Two-term Design	0.20	0.30	1.1330	0.1334	N/A
Three-term Design	0.15	0.35	1.1923	0.2287	0.0369

Figures 6A through 6C show graphs of the acceleration, velocity, and position trajectories of the two-term generalized Fourier seek method using the LMSE technique for the exemplary values in Table 1. As shown in Figure

6A, the generalized Fourier seek acceleration trajectory is virtually flat between T_1 , which is selected to be 20% of a half cycle, and T_2 , which is selected to be 30% of the half cycle. In the constant acceleration range, the actuator moves at full power. In contrast, the sinusoidal seek method, as described in the co-pending application referenced in the "Description of the Related Art" section, moves at full power only at a single point during the acceleration phase. Additionally, the current rise time for the generalized Fourier seek acceleration trajectory of the present invention is much faster than its sinusoidal method counterpart. All of the trajectories are constructed in normalized and dimensionless form using equations (17) through (20) hereinbelow.

Figures 7A through 7C show graphs of the acceleration, velocity, and position trajectories of the three-term generalized Fourier seek method using the LMSE technique for the exemplary values in Table 1. As shown in Figure 7A, the acceleration trajectory is essentially flat in the range between T_1 (15%) and T_2 (30%). As can be seen in both Figures 6A and 7A, the current rise time for the three-term design is faster than the current rise time for the two-term design. As with the two-term design, the trajectories are constructed in normalized and dimensionless form using equations (17) through (20) hereinbelow.

Seek time is denoted by T_{sk} , and the normalized and dimensionless time t^* is denoted by:

$$t^* = \frac{2\pi}{T_{SK}} t. \quad (17)$$

Consequently, the normalized and dimensionless acceleration trajectory becomes:

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$$a^*(t^*) = \frac{a(t)}{K_T I_M} = a_1 \sin t^* + a_3 \sin 3t^* + a_5 \sin 5t^* + \dots \quad (18)$$

By integrating equation (18) once, the corresponding velocity trajectory is obtained as follows:

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$$v^*(t^*) = \frac{v(t)}{K_T I_M} \frac{2\pi}{T_{SK}} = a_1(1 - \cos t^*) + \frac{a_3}{3}(1 - \cos 3t^*) + \frac{a_5}{5}(1 - \cos 5t^*) + \dots \quad (19)$$

By integrating equation (19) once, the corresponding position trajectory is obtained as follows:

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$$x^*(t^*) = \frac{x(t)}{K_T I_M} \left(\frac{2\pi}{T_{SK}} \right)^2 = a_1(t^* - \sin t^*) + \frac{a_3}{3}(t^* - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t^*) + \frac{a_5}{5}(t^* - \frac{1}{5} \cos 5t^*) + \dots \quad (20)$$

Limit Case

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Given a pair of T_1 and T_2 parameters, the LMSE technique is utilized to determine coefficients for a generalized Fourier seek trajectory. In the limit case where $T_1 \rightarrow 0$, and $T_2 \rightarrow 0.5$, the generalized Fourier seek trajectory tends to be the same as a Fourier sine series representation of a square wave. Table 2 shows a comparison using a three-term model.

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Table 2

T_1	T_2	a_1	a_3	a_5
0.001	0.499	1.2732	0.4243	0.2596
0.0001	0.4999	1.2732	0.4244	0.2552
0.0000	0.5000	1.2732	0.4244	0.2546
Fourier Sine Series		1.2732	0.4244	0.2546

The results shown in Table 2 indicate that the class of seek trajectories generated by the LMSE technique is more versatile, general, and flexible than the Fourier sine series for a square wave. The Fourier sine series representing a square wave is a special case of the generalized Fourier seek trajectory in the limit case. Thus, what has been described is a seek routine wherein the transducer is moved in an essentially sinusoidal acceleration trajectory in accordance with a generalized Fourier seek trajectories, where the one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier seek trajectories are determined by the LMSE technique, and a servo control loop that corrects the input current so that the transducer moves in a desired path.

The present invention may be implemented as a method, apparatus, system, etc. When implemented in software, the elements of the present invention are essentially the code segments to perform the necessary tasks. The program or code segments can be stored in a processor readable medium or transmitted by a computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave over a transmission medium or communication link. The "processor readable medium" may include any medium that can store or transfer information. Examples of the processor readable medium include an electronic

circuit, a semiconductor memory device, a ROM, a flash memory, an erasable ROM (EROM), a floppy diskette, a CD-ROM, an optical disk, a hard disk, a fiber optic medium, a radio frequency (RF) link, etc. The computer data signal
5 may include any signal that can propagate over a transmission medium such as electronic network channels, optical fibers, air, electromagnetic, RF links, etc.

While certain exemplary embodiments have been
10 described and shown in the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that such embodiments are merely illustrative of and not restrictive on the broad invention, and that this invention not be limited to the specific constructions and arrangements shown and
15 described, since various other modifications may occur to those ordinarily skilled in the art.

The reader's attention is directed to all papers and documents which are filed concurrently with or previous to
20 this specification in connection with this application and which are open to public inspection with this specification, and the contents of all such papers and documents are incorporated herein by reference.

25 All of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), and/or all of the steps of any method or process so disclosed, may be combined in any combination, except combinations where at least some of such features
30 and/or steps are mutually exclusive.

Each feature disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and

drawings), may be replaced by alternative features serving the same, equivalent or similar purpose, unless expressly stated otherwise. Thus, unless expressly stated otherwise, each feature disclosed is one example only of a generic
5 series of equivalent or similar features.

The invention is not restricted to the details of the foregoing embodiment(s). The invention extend to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the features disclosed
10 in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), or to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the steps of any method or process so disclosed.

CLAIMS

1. A hard disk drive, comprising:

5 a disk which has a surface;

a spindle motor that rotates said disk;

a transducer which can write information onto said
10 disk and read information from said disk;

an actuator arm that can move said transducer across
said surface of said disk; and,

15 a controller that controls said actuator arm to move
said transducer across said disk surface in accordance
with a generalized Fourier seek trajectory, where the
generalized Fourier series includes one or more sine
functions having one or more coefficients that are
20 determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

2. The hard disk drive of claim 1, wherein said
generalized Fourier series includes two functions having
first and second coefficients that are determined using
25 the least-mean-square error technique.

3. The hard disk drive of claim 1, wherein said
generalized Fourier series includes three functions having
first, second, and third coefficients that are determined
30 using the least-mean-square error technique.

4. The hard disk drive of claim 1, wherein the
generalized Fourier seek trajectory includes a ramp-up

acceleration period, a constant acceleration period, and a ramp-down acceleration period, wherein the one or more coefficients are determined using the least-mean-square error technique for the ramp-up and ramp-down acceleration
5 periods.

5. The hard disk drive of any preceding claim, wherein said controller is a digital signal processor.

10 6. The hard disk drive of claim 2, wherein said digital signal processor controls said actuator arm in accordance with a linear interpolation algorithm.

7. The hard disk drive of any preceding claim, wherein
15 said controller performs a servo routine including determining an actual position of said transducer, computing a design position of said transducer, and generating a position correction value that is a function of said actual and design positions, said position
20 correction value being used to vary the movement of said transducer.

8. The hard disk drive of claim 7, wherein said servo routine includes determining an actual velocity of said
25 transducer, computing a design velocity of said transducer, and generating a velocity correction value that is a function of said position correction value, said design velocity, and said actual velocity, said velocity correction value being used to vary the movement of said
30 transducer.

9. The hard disk drive of claim 8, wherein said servo routine includes determining an actual acceleration of

said transducer, computing a design acceleration of said transducer, and generating an acceleration correction value that is a function of said velocity correction value, said design acceleration, and said actual
5 acceleration, said acceleration correction value being used to vary the movement of said transducer.

10. The hard disk drive of claim 9, wherein said acceleration correction value is also a function of a
10 feedforward acceleration value provided in a feedforward control loop.

11. The hard disk drive of claim 9, wherein said design position, said design velocity, and said design
15 acceleration are computed from a recursive generalized Fourier series generation algorithm.

12. The hard disk drive of any preceding claim, wherein the trajectory includes a period wherein said transducer
20 has an essentially zero acceleration.

13. The hard disk drive of any preceding claim, wherein a ramp-up acceleration period is unequal in time to the ramp-down acceleration period.
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14. The hard disk drive of claim 7, wherein said position correction value is a function of a proportional plus integral control algorithm.

30 15. The hard disk drive of claim 8, wherein said velocity correction value is a function of a proportional plus integral control algorithm.

16. A method for moving a transducer across a surface of a disk, comprising:

moving a transducer across the disk surface in
5 accordance with a generalized Fourier series seek trajectory, where one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

10 17. The method of claim 16, wherein moving said transducer comprises moving said transducer across the disk surface in accordance with the generalized Fourier seek trajectory including an acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a deceleration mode, where one or more coefficients of the
15 generalized Fourier series are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

18. The method of claim 16 or 17, wherein moving said transducer comprises moving said transducer across the
20 disk surface in accordance with a two-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having two coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

19. The method of claim 16 or 17, wherein moving said
25 transducer comprises moving said transducer across the disk surface in accordance with a three-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having three coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

30 20. The method of any preceding claim, further comprising computing a design position of the transducer, determining an actual position of the transducer, computing a position correction value from the design and actual positions, and

varying the movement of the transducer with the position correction value.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising computing a
5 design velocity of the transducer, determining an actual
velocity of the transducer, computing a velocity
correction value from the design velocity, the actual
velocity, and the position correction value, and varying
the movement of the transducer with the velocity
10 correction value.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising computing a
design acceleration of the transducer, determining an
actual acceleration of the transducer, computing an
15 acceleration correction value from the design
acceleration, the actual acceleration, and the velocity
correction value, and varying the movement of the
transducer with the acceleration correction value.

20 23. The method of claim 22, wherein the design
acceleration, the design velocity, and the design position
are computed with a linear interpolation algorithm for any
seek length.

25 24. The method of claim 17, wherein the acceleration mode
includes a ramp-up acceleration portion, a constant
acceleration portion, and a ramp-down acceleration
portion, wherein the least-mean-square error technique is
utilized to determine the one or more coefficients of the
30 generalized Fourier series for the ramp-up and ramp-down
acceleration portions.

25. The method of claim 17, wherein the duration of the acceleration mode is unequal to the duration of the deceleration mode.

5 26. A computer program product, comprising: a computer usable medium having computer program code embodied therein to excite an actuator arm that is coupled to a transducer so that the transducer moves across a disk surface in accordance with a generalized Fourier seek
10 trajectory, where one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

27. The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the
15 computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm comprises computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm that is coupled to the transducer so that the transducer moves across the disk surface in accordance with said generalized Fourier seek trajectory including an
20 acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a deceleration mode, where one or more coefficients of the generalized Fourier series are determined using the least-mean-square error technique during the acceleration and deceleration modes.

25 28. The computer program product of claim 26 or 27, wherein the computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm comprises computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm that is coupled to the transducer so that the transducer moves across the disk surface in
30 accordance with a two-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having two coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.

29. The computer program product of claim 26 or 27, wherein the computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm comprises computer readable program code to excite said actuator arm that is coupled to the transducer
5 so that the transducer moves across the disk surface in accordance with a three-term generalized Fourier seek trajectory having three coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-square error technique.
- 10 30. The computer program product of claim 26, 27, 28 or 29, further comprising computer readable program code to compute a design position of the transducer, determine an actual position of the transducer, compute a position correction value from the design and actual positions, and
15 vary the movement of the transducer with the position correction value.
31. The computer program product of claim 30, further comprising computer readable program code to compute a
20 design velocity of the transducer, determine an actual velocity of the transducer, compute a velocity correction value from the design velocity, the actual velocity, and the position correction value, and vary the movement of the transducer with the velocity correction value.
- 25 32. The computer program product of claim 31, further comprising computer readable program code to compute a design acceleration of the transducer, determine an actual acceleration of the transducer, compute an acceleration
30 correction value from the design acceleration, the actual acceleration, and the velocity correction value, and vary the movement of the transducer with the acceleration correction value.

33. A method for moving a transducer across a surface of a disk, comprising:

- 5 moving the transducer across the disk surface;
- computing a design position of the transducer;
- determining an actual position of the transducer;
- 10 generating a position correction value that is a function of the design position and the actual position;
- computing a design velocity of the transducer;
- 15 determining an actual velocity of the transducer;
- generating a velocity correction value that is a function of the design velocity, the actual velocity and the position correction value;
- 20 computing a design acceleration of the transducer using a generalized Fourier seek trajectory having one or more coefficients that are determined using a least-mean-square error technique;
- 25 determining an actual acceleration of the transducer;
- generating a feedforward acceleration value that is a function of the actual acceleration value;
- 30 generating an acceleration correction value that is a function of the velocity correction value, the feedforward acceleration value and the design acceleration; and,

varying the movement of the transducer in response to the generation of the acceleration correction value.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein computing the design
5 acceleration of the transducer comprises computing the
design acceleration of the transducer using the
generalized Fourier series seek acceleration trajectory
including an acceleration mode, a coast mode, and a
10 deceleration mode, where one or more coefficients of the
generalized Fourier series are determined using the least-
mean-square error technique during the acceleration and
deceleration modes.

35. The method of claim 33 or 34, wherein computing the
15 design acceleration comprises computing the design
acceleration of the transducer using a two-term
generalized Fourier seek trajectory that includes two
coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-
square error technique.

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36. The method of claim 33 or 34, wherein computing the
design acceleration comprises computing the design
acceleration of the transducer using a three- term
generalized Fourier seek trajectory that includes three
25 coefficients that are determined using the least-mean-
square error technique.

37. The method of any of claims 33 to 36, wherein the
position correction value and the velocity correction
30 value are computed with a proportional plus integral
control algorithm.

38. The method of any of claims 33 to 37, wherein the design acceleration, the design velocity and the design position are computed with a recursive generalized Fourier series generation algorithm.

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39. The method of any of claims 33 to 37, wherein the design acceleration, the design velocity and the design position are computed with a linear interpolation algorithm.

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40. The method of any of claims 33 to 37, wherein the design acceleration includes a ramp-up portion, a coast portion, and a ramp-down portion, and wherein computing the design acceleration comprises computing the design
15 acceleration of the transducer during the ramp-up and ramp-down portions using the generalized Fourier seek trajectory having one or more coefficients that are determined using a least-mean-square error technique.

20 41. A hard disk drive substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

42. A method of moving a transducer across a surface of a disk substantially as herein described with reference to
25 the accompanying drawings.

43. A computer program product substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.



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